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January 2, 2018

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Office of Environmental Assessment
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

**RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 775X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment—
in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, IN**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the United States Department of Agriculture letter dated December 13, 2017, finding that the proposed abandonment will not cause a conversion of prime farmland.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosure



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Indiana State Office
6013 Lakeside Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46278
317-290-3200

December 13, 2017

Gene Payne
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street – J315
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mr. Payne:

The proposed project to abandon approximately 62.3 – mile rail line on its Northern Region, Louisville Division, Hoosier Subdivision in Clark, Floyd, Lawrence, Orange, Washington Counties, Indiana, as referred to in your letter received November 28, 2017, will not cause a conversion of prime farmland.

If you need additional information, please contact Rick Neilson at 317-295-5875.

Sincerely,

JANE E. HARDISTY
State Conservationist

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